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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NATO AEW: 28 MARCH UK DEFENSE DEBATE

1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM MISSION DEFAD LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 28, UK DEFAD (PETERS) COMMENTED ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE DEFENSE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NATO AEW AND NIMROD.

2. PETERS SAID THAT, IF UK MODMULLEY HAD INTENDED TO MAKE A "STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT", HE WOULD HAVE DONE SO AT THE OUT-SET OF THE PROCEEDINGS. HE DID NOT, REPEAT NOT, DO SO. PETERS SAYS THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS LIKELY TO BE DEVOTED TO SPEECHES BY VARIOUS MEMBERS, CONCLUDING WITH A SUMMING UP BY A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN THAT TRADITIONALLY DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, ANNOUNCE ANY POLICY CHANGES.

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3. PETERS BELIEVES THAT THREE OR FOUR DAYS MAY PASS BEFORE MOD MULLEY SAYS ANYTHING DEFINITIVE ABOUT A UK GOVERNMENT DECISION TO OPT OR NOT TO OPT FOR AN IMMEDIATE SHIFT TO FULL NIMROD PROCUREMENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LONDON'S COMMENTS.
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